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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: William E. Nelson  
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: The Counterintelligence Problem

Pursuant to our discussions on Angleton's charges regarding the current leadership of the counterintelligence effort in the Agency, I thought you would be interested in the attached letter from William Branigan, a senior FBI official in their Intelligence Division who has just retired. The letter is addressed to [REDACTED] Chief of the Counterintelligence Staff. 25X1A

[REDACTED]

William E. Nelson

Attachment  
As Stated Above

cc: DDCI

C O P Y

Feb. 9, 1976

Dear [REDACTED]

I do want to thank you for making the occasion of my retirement so memorable for me. I am especially grateful for the cocktail and dinner party. This was a special surprise; and it was so nice to spend an evening with my closest associates.

There were no speeches and there will be none now. But I must say one word about the last plus year. You were great for the Agency and great for a whole new cooperation with the F. B. I. It was indeed a breath of spring -- a new awakening! I was particularly impressed with the efficiency that you brought to counterintelligence. In other times we talked and waited. I am personally gratified that you eliminated the wait. And because of it I know your accomplishments have been and will continue to be great.

While I will enjoy retirement, if I can be of help, just call.

Cordially,

Bill Branigan

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To Bill Nelson -  
very good letter  
a good tribute  
to [redacted] 25X1A  
[redacted] 25X1A  
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out fast from  
past prejudices,  
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